



# CITY NEWS

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## Residents' Help Needed for Emergency Plan

Your local government, understanding the need to protect its citizens, is currently working with the University of Delaware's *Disaster Research Center* to update and enhance Delaware City's Emergency Operations Plan. This document will help officials prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters. As you know, Delaware City is vulnerable to severe storms and flooding, as well as potential incidents at the refinery or the Salem Nuclear plant.

Although city officials and emergency responders will work to keep you safe to the best of their ability, it is important to remember that citizens can contribute to disaster readiness and be an active part of disaster response. In order to better provide for the safety of our community, we are soliciting your assistance in the creation of a database of resources and special skills available in our community that might be of use during a disaster response.

**Skills** we are interested in can range widely and may include everything from medical or first aid training, to fluency in a foreign language, to being a certified scuba diver, to having counseling experience, or the ability to operate equipment.

**Equipment** we are interested in can range from large items, such as boats, tractors, and trailers, to smaller needs such as generators, propane lanterns, and camping kitchens. You should feel free to be creative in your interpretation of what might be useful. The more information we have the better, because it is often difficult to envision every item or skill that may some day be of use. When in doubt, put it down.

Additionally, we would like to gather information regarding **special needs** populations. So if you or someone you know (such as a neighbor) is elderly or physically disabled, does not speak English, does not own a vehicle, or has some other type of circumstance that should be considered in the Emergency Operations Plan, please tell us about these as well. In order to serve the entire population we need to know who is in need of our services.

To help all you need to do is fax, e-mail, or write to the Disaster Research Center describing your skills, resources, and/or special needs along with your contact information, including phone numbers, address, and email address. (Contact information for DRC is listed below) Simply include "Delaware City Project" in the subject line of your email or letter. Or you can drop your responses off at Town Hall. We thank you in advance for your assistance!

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If you have a few hours to give on Delaware City Day 2008, or want to help throughout the year, please join us. This first meeting will help set the direction of next year's Delaware City Day event. If you cannot attend this meeting, but would like to help- let us know-- call Penny Merena at 838-0206.

**Come join us on October 16 at 7 pm -- Town Hall.**

Had a good time at the last Delaware City Day? Want to help make the next Delaware City Day even better?

**2008 Delaware City Day Committee Needs You!**

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